

Mid-West Fastener Association News

2023 Events Upcoming Events

May 24	Heat Treating/Plating Seminar On Site-SWD Inc. & Morgan Ohare Addison, IL
May 25	Screwed Up Open Golf Outing White Pines Golf Course Bensenville, IL
FSTNR Week '23	Lincolnshire Marriott Resort Lincolnshire, IL
August 20	Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Build Abbott Interfast Wheeling, IL
August 21	Open Houses
August 22	Print Reading Basics Table Top Show Fastener Bash Lincolnshire Marriott Resort Lincolnshire, IL
August 23	Golf Outing Crane's Landing Golf Course Lincolnshire Marriott Resort Lincolnshire, IL
August 24	MWFA Mixer Real Time Sports Elk Grove, IL
August 21-25	Fastener Training Week Lincolnshire Marriott Resort Lincolnshire, IL
November 2	Scholarship Awards, Elections Belvedere Banquets Elk Grove, IL
December 14	Holiday Party Medinah Banquets Addison, IL

MWFA Welcomes New Members

Blue Ribbon/Skokie, IL
Eastern Industrial Products/Plymouth, MA
JE Shireling Co./Owosso, MI
Hariton Machinery/Bridgeport, CT
Hercules Bolt/Madison, TN
Prairie Rivet/Markesan, WI
Spirol Int'l/Danielson, CT
WTC Services LLC/Paso Robles, CA

Save the Dates for 2023 FSTNR Week: August 20-24

Fastener Show, Training, Networking, Recreation all in one week

MWFA will hold FSTNR Week August 20 - August 24. This event has proven to be a significant week of opportunities bringing the fastener industry together. This year's show and golf will be at Lincolnshire Marriott Resort in Lincolnshire, Illinois. This venue offers attendees the opportunity to stay on site for both events, saving on travel time and allowing for more networking! This upscale conference hotel is 18 miles from O'Hare International Airport. The resort has several areas for dining, indoor and outdoor pools, a gym, spa, theatre, and several other amenities.

- The week will kick off on Sunday (August 20) when the MWFA again will partner with Sleep in Heavenly Peace. SHP works with groups/communities to build beds for kids who don't have their own. This event will take place at Abbott Interfast in Wheeling, Illinois.
- On Monday (August 21), Plant Tours throughout the Chicago area, will be offered. Various companies will open their doors to tours. A schedule for each company will be posted allowing you to plan your day.
- Tuesday (August 22) morning, a Print Reading Seminar will be held, taught by Sean Collis of Solution Industries. Sean will be teaching the basics to assist your employees in reading prints and avoiding costly mistakes. The 41st MWFA Fastener Show will be featured Tuesday afternoon. This show will be a Table Top format allowing for easy, economic exhibits. The show will be the Fastener Bash with an 80's theme. Grab your 80s outfit, there will be a prize for the best 80s attire.
- On Wednesday (August 23), the 70th MWFA Golf Outing will be held at Crane's Landing located at Lincolnshire Marriott Resort.
- The week doesn't end there, as a MWFA Mixer will be held August 24 at Real Time Sports in Elk Grove, IL.
- Registration for any of these events can be found at www.mwfa.net.

Fastener Training Institute will be participating in FSTNR Week by providing their Fastener Week program (August 21-25) for those desiring to achieve their Certified Fastener Specialist certificate. This week class offers intense education and plant tours. Students may then take a final exam to be eligible for the Certified Fastener Specialist™ (CCFS) designation. Registration is available at <https://fastenertrainingevents.com/fastener-training-chicago.htm>.

Santa helps MWFA Celebrate Holidays

Part of the industry's Holiday tradition, for many, is attending the MWFA Holiday party. The MWFA wanted to be sure to take the opportunity to visit with industry peers and collect Toys for Tots. The attendees donated a great deal of toys as well as almost \$2,000 in cash for Toys for Tots. It's very gratifying to see the attendees arriving with armloads of toys!

Santa stopped in to check his naughty or nice list. He couldn't find any on the naughty list, so he stayed and enjoyed visiting and taking photos with the guests.

The casino returned to this year's party allowing guests to have some extra fun and win prizes. Several members donated prizes allowing many guests to go home with a prize. Who doesn't like an extra present at the holidays!

All this added to music, cocktails and appetizers made for a festive evening. We thank everyone for an awesome year and look forward to sharing another momentous year with our members and industry.

MWFA Meets for Industry Updates and Winter Fun

MWFA opened the year with their annual meeting with the National Association of Surface Finishers/Chicago Midwest Chapter. The group gathered for industry updates from Chris Donnell/Scanwell Logistics and Christian Richter, from the Policy Group in Washington D.C. Both veterans of our industry have studied/been

involved in issues in depth. Following their presentation, the group enjoyed beverages, appetizers, and a round of mini golf. It was a fun networking event for the groups allowing attendees to forget the winter blahs.